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ROOT PLAN IS READY

Contemplates Retirement of Timothy L. Woodruff.

SENATOR TO LEAVE SATURDAY

Not Going to Albany, but Will See Gov. Hughes in New York—Reorganization of Republican Party in the Empire State Widely Discussed—William Loeb, Jr., Here.

Senator Root will visit New York City Saturday, and it is assumed that he will confer there with Republican leaders who are to be identified with the party reorganization now under way.

It is understood that Mr. Root will meet Gov. Hughes in New York, and that a number of leaders from up the State, as well as Republicans in the city, will confer with them to discuss ways and means of uplifting the party leadership.

Mr. Root has no present intention of visiting Albany, as has been reported. The Senator himself, as well as those who are working for him, are satisfied that the situation there can be handled at long range. At this time Mr. Root does not think it will be necessary to take further steps to bring into line those Republican Senators who are inclined to name as their leader one unfriendly to Gov. Hughes.

It is taken for granted here that the Senate Republicans at their caucus tonight will name as their spokesman Senator Harvey D. Hinman, or some other Senator who is recognized as a supporter of the State administration. The Federal group prefer that Mr. Hinman shall be named, although its members admit that to save their faces the State senators might make overtures to select some other friend of the governor. However, it is the expectation that Mr. Hinman will be selected, and when this has been done Republicans believe that a long step forward will have been taken in the direction of rehabilitating the party.

Attitude of Woodruff. There is a good deal of speculation here as to just what attitude Timothy L. Woodruff will assume toward the plan of reorganization. An intimate friend of the State chairman said yesterday that his information was that Mr. Woodruff would "die in the ditch" before he would acquiesce in the proposal that he should vacate his place at the head of the State organization. Other members of the New York delegation do not look for determined opposition by Mr. Woodruff, they say that he will yield to the wish or the majority that there shall be a new deal all along the line in the State. It is known that within the past twenty-four hours Mr. Woodruff has advised Washington friends that he will stand his ground. It is recalled, however, that when a candidate for the Senate to succeed Thomas C. Platt, Mr. Woodruff almost up to the last moment insisted that he had enough votes to win. He fell into line for Hughes at Saratoga immediately after an announcement that he would stand out against him to the end. So it is the expectation here that Mr. Woodruff will soon come out with a statement declaring that he has decided to give up the State chairmanship.

Root to Retire Woodruff. Some people here take the position that it will not be necessary for Mr. Woodruff to vacate before the State convention. The Root plan of reorganization, it is understood, contemplates the retirement of Mr. Woodruff long before the party meets to nominate a State ticket.

The hope is expressed here that Republicans in Washington that Mr. Woodruff will overcome the prejudice he expressed recently against a career in the diplomatic service of the United States.

William Loeb, Jr., collector of customs at New York, is in Washington. He is here primarily on official business. Mr. Loeb appeared before the Committee on

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NO HONOR FOR PEARY

House Committee Votes to Postpone All Action.

INSISTS UPON SEEING DATA

Macon Issues Statement, Saying He Is Skeptical About Explorer Ever Having Reached Pole—He Cites Dr. Cook's Statements to Support Him. Questions Travel Figures.

By an almost unanimous vote, the subcommittee of the House Committee on Naval Affairs which has been considering this bill proposing to reward Civil Engineer Peary for his discovery of the pole, decided yesterday to postpone all action until Mr. Peary submits his original records and proofs to Congress for public scrutiny.

The resolution to this effect, which was adopted by the subcommittee, was offered by Representative Bates, of Pennsylvania, who has heretofore been considered a supporter of the explorer. Representatives Butler, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the subcommittee, Roberts of Massachusetts, Dawson of Iowa, Macon of Arkansas, and Gregg of Texas, voted to postpone. The only dissenter was Representative Engelbright, of Wisconsin, who stoutly contended that the subcommittee had sufficient proofs on which to base action in recognition of Mr. Peary's achievement. However, Mr. Engelbright did not vote against the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Macon issued a long statement on the subject. He has been in politics since manhood, and prior to coming to Washington his "farthest north" was the "sunk lands" region of Arkansas.

Cites Dr. Cook. In opposing the reward bills, Mr. Macon attempted to discredit Mr. Peary's claim, and cited statements of Dr. Cook in support of his position. "I think that all legislation by Congress," said Mr. Macon in his statement, "ought to be open and above board, and that the people ought to be fully advised of every detail and fact upon which the Representatives predicate their every act. I confess that I am exceedingly skeptical about Mr. Peary ever having discovered the pole, and I am going to protest against any honor being conferred upon him by Congress until he establishes beyond a reasonable doubt that he did discover it, and its points must be established in the open, and not in the dark."

"One of the points to which I desire to call your attention specifically is the speed of travel claimed by Peary from the very day that Capt. Bartlett left him until he returned to the same camp again, and thence on to Cape Columbia, and especially to the speed he claims to have made from the time he left Capt. Bartlett until he again returned to the same spot, when he was traveling over unknown seas with his negro valet and Eskimo companions."

In his travels from Cape Columbia to the point where Capt. Bartlett left him and returned, he traveled thirty-one days and made 21 miles, or an average of 9.6 miles per day. This was not as good an average of miles of travel as made by Dr. Cook (35.3) in the same latitudes.

Increases Singular. "The astonishing part of Mr. Peary's statement is, however, the number of miles he says he traveled every day after Bartlett had left him, when no white man was with him as witness, his only companion being his valet of twenty years' service, and four Eskimos and his greatest marches, singularly, were all north of the Bartlett camp. From that time forward, going to the pole and returning to Cape Columbia (55 miles) he claims to have made an average of twenty-six miles per day, or, to be accurate, 28.4 miles per day, until he reached the pole (32 miles) and 44 miles per day from the pole back to Bartlett's camp (32 miles, three days), and 24.5 for sixteen days from the pole back to Cape Columbia (43 miles), the latter being almost three times as great an average as he made with his supporting party. The greatest increase singularly commences on the very day they left and practically ends on identically the same spot."

OLMSTED BILL HEARD. Democrats Tease Opponents About Promise Made Porto Ricans. Consideration of the new Olmsted bill for the government of Porto Rico gave the Democratic members of the House Committee on Insular Affairs a chance to tease their Republican colleagues a bit.

When the section relating to citizenship was reached, the minority members suggested that the citizenship of the Porto Ricans as individuals was not in accord with the constitution. The Republican national convention platform, which asserted "we believe the native inhabitants of Porto Rico should be at once 'collectively' made citizens of the United States, and that all others properly qualified under existing laws residing in said island should have the privilege of becoming naturalized." The citizenship feature was not disposed of.

REOPENS SUTTON CASE. Joint Resolution Provides for New Inquiry into Officer's Death. Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, yesterday introduced a resolution in the Senate authorizing the appointment of a joint committee of three Senators and three Representatives to conduct an investigation into the cause of the death of Lieut. James N. Sutton, United States Marine Corps, who lost his life in an affray in the Naval Academy grounds at Annapolis over a year ago.

The resolution carries an appropriation of \$25,000. The matter was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs of the Senate. The measure was also introduced in the House.

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YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

(MARCH 9, 1910.)

SENATE.

The Senate met at noon. Bill to erect monuments to Gen. Stark and Shields passed. Indian bill reported. Customs Court nominees sent to by President. Conference remained on District appropriation bill.

Scott bill to erect new homes for departments on Pennsylvania avenue passed. Great battles before Lodge committee that families of five can live well on \$30 a month for food.

New York given waterway rights in bill asked for by Mayor Gaynor, which was passed. Bill to license customs brokers passed. Railroad bill made unfinished business. The Senate adjourned at 5:30.

HOUSE.

The House met at noon. "Lodge" message bill refused consideration. Loeb before House committee to support bill to raise bridges. Porto Rican citizenship bill heard. Alaska bill heard. Bill to bind tenders to Mobile Confederate veterans passed. Sutton case reopened by joint resolution. Committee refuses honors to Peary until data is presented. The House adjourned at 5:15.

PLAN TO WIDEN GAS INQUIRY

House Seeks to Join in Senate Investigation Under Way.

District Committee Acts on Various Measures After Discussing Gary Bill.

If a move made yesterday by the House District Committee is fruitful of results, the scope of the proposed Senate investigation of the Washington Gaslight Company will be considerably broadened. The House District Committee decided to confer with the Senate Committee on District Corporations, Chairman Smith being selected to wait on the Senate committee and make such a proposal, and if the Senate committee accedes Chairman Smith will name five members to add the Senators from his committee.

This action was taken during the course of the consideration of Representative Gary's bill providing for 80-cent gas in this District. In view of the Senate inquiry it was deemed unwise by the House committee to proceed with the Gary bill hearings at yesterday's session.

The committee authorized favorable reports on the following bills: To enable the telegraph company to construct its plant and transmit business in the District, and to make necessary connections with other parts of its system. To require all telegraph companies in the District of Columbia to pay a 4 per cent tax per annum on their gross receipts.

Authorizing the extension of Princeton place northwest from Georgia avenue to the Rock Creek Church road northwest, with a width of not less than sixty feet. To authorize the extension of Van Buren street northwest from its present eastern terminus west of Fifth street to present western terminus east of Third street north, with a width of ninety feet.

To authorize the extension of Underwood street northwest from its present western terminus east of Piney Branch road to Piney Branch road, with a width of sixty feet.

The following bills were tabled by the committee: Providing for a superintendent of buildings and supplies under the board of education in the District. To prohibit kite flying in the District. Amending the local laws with reference to medical inspectors in the public schools.

To increase the license tax on base-balls in the District. For the purchase of land for widening Park road.

The bill authorizing the closing of a part of Forty-first street northwest was not acted on by the committee, as some of the members desired additional information.

RAILWAY BILL IN THE SENATE

Made Unfinished Business After Being Read First Time.

The administration railway bill providing for the creation of a court of commerce and amending the Hepburn law, came up somewhat unexpectedly in the Senate yesterday. While the calendar was under consideration and bills were being disposed of at the rate of one a minute, the rate bill was reached in the regular order of things. Senators deemed the occasion opportune for the first reading of the bill, and this formality was observed.

After the reading of the bill, which consumed an hour, it was made unfinished business, with the understanding that it will not be taken up for consideration until next Tuesday.

Senator Heyburn offered the bill creating land courts as an amendment to the railway bill.

Senator Cummins, of Iowa, who is to lead the insurgent fight against the measure, expects to speak in opposition when the bill comes up Tuesday. Senator Money, the minority leader, gave notice of a minority report.

The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce is playing ducks and drakes with the bill. After a lively executive session yesterday morning, the committee adopted a motion to substitute the Interstate Commerce Commission for the court of commerce as the tribunal to receive petitions or applications of railroads desiring to acquire interest in other roads.

The motion in question was carried by a vote of 9 to 7, two members of the committee being absent. Chairman Mann, who all along has been opposed to the court of commerce feature of the bill, voted with the Democrats, as did Representative Stevens, of Minnesota.

PASS CUSTOMS-HOUSE BILL. The bill requiring customs-house brokers to take out Federal license, which was introduced by Senator Root, of New York, passed the Senate yesterday. The provisions of the bill do not apply to any person transacting business in regard to his own importations.

Sensor Root explained that by requiring brokers to take out licenses protection would be afforded innocent citizens, who are often victimized by rascals.

For Submarine Signals. The establishment of submarine signal stations along the coasts of the United States at such points as the lighthouse board may consider desirable, is provided for in a bill that passed the Senate yesterday. The measure carries an appropriation of \$100,000.

PASS BUILDINGS BILL

New Department Homes on Pennsylvania Avenue.

SENATORS VOTE FOR MEASURE

Scott Plan Advances a Step Toward Fulfillment—Will Pass the House. Senator Canstite About Rented Quarters—Wants Business Methods. Bourne on Commission Approved.

The Senate yesterday unanimously passed the Scott bill to erect either one or three buildings for the departments of State, Justice, and Commerce and Labor on the block bounded by Pennsylvania avenue, the Mall, and Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets.

The measure carries an appropriation of so much of \$12,000,000 as may be necessary, available as needed. The bill will pass the House and will be signed by the President, Senator Scott said last night, so that plans for the construction of the new department homes will be put in work in the near future.

Senator Scott said that \$25,000, or not more than \$50,000, of the \$12,000,000 will be needed for the present, and that a small sum will be used for the architects' plans. It is expected that five years will elapse before the work is completed.

Root Knows Conditions. Senators Root, Clay, and Warren were among those who spoke in favor of the passage of the bill in the Senate yesterday. Senator Scott asked the aid of Senator Root, who was formerly Secretary of State, and well qualified to speak of the expense of housing the department or which he was at the head in rented quarters. Senator Root started to aid Senator Scott to have the bill passed as long as during his Secretaryship.

Senator Shively, disclaiming any opposition to the bill, asked that it be explained for his benefit. Senator Scott pointed out that it is very poor economy for the government to erect \$30,000 or \$100,000 public buildings, such as post-offices, in smaller towns of the country, where quarters can be secured to carry on the work for \$250 per year rent, and neglect to build structures for great departments, such as those of Commerce and Labor, Justice, and State, for whose annexes, bureaus, and branches scattered around Washington the government is now paying out a heavy sum in rent because the antiquated quarters in which they are now housed are not large enough or modern enough for their uses.

Business Methods Not Used. Senator Scott last night remarked, in speaking of his bill, that it would be well if the House passed the government business methods commission bill at once and the members of the commission were named and got down to work.

"The way this government transacts some of its business affairs," Senator Scott said, "is ridiculous, considering these affairs in the light of modern business methods. I have contended all along that it is a ridiculous thing for the United States to rent buildings and offices in Washington instead of building for its own use as it should. I expect the business methods commission to do pretty nearly what Senator Aldrich said he could do in the way of saving money to the government, and if Senator Bourne could give the time to it, I should think he would be the sort of good business man that is needed to head the commission."

CUSTOMS COURT NOMINATED. R. M. Montgomery, of Michigan, to Be Chief of Tribunal.

President Taft decided to send to the Senate again yesterday the names of the members of the judges of the new Customs Court, a list he withdrew some time ago.

The only change in the original list is the substitution of the name of Robert M. Montgomery, of Michigan, for that of Albert R. Cox, of New York, as chief justice. The other members of the court will be as follows:

Marion M. De Vries, of California; O. M. Barber, of Vermont; William H. Hunt, of Montana, and James F. Smith, of California.

ALASKAN BILL ANALYZED. Proposed Legislative Council Might Abolish 100-acre Tracts.

A rather warm debate was precipitated before the House Committee on Territories yesterday when Albert Pinck, an attorney of Nome, Alaska, said that if the bill to create a legislative council for Alaska became a law the first act of the council, in all probability, would be to abolish the 100-acre tracts. After a lively interchange of opinions, it seemed to be the view of the committee that only Congress had the right to legislate concerning these tracts. Debate Wickerson, of Alaska, said he was not in favor of too much power being vested in the council, as it might result in carpetbaggers becoming millionaires.

"If it is assumed that the President will appoint men who will yield to corrupt influences," Mr. Pinck rejoined, "that might be the case."

Mr. Wickerson explained that he had not intended any unpleasant insinuations.

MONUMENTS FOR SOLDIERS.

Senate Passes Bills Providing for Shields and Stark Shrubs.

The Senate passed a bill yesterday authorizing the erection of a monument over the grave of Brig. Gen. James Shields in St. Mary's Cemetery, at Carrollton, Mo. The Secretary of War is authorized and directed to cause the monument to be erected at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.

Gen. Shields was a soldier in the Mexican war and in the civil war. He was a member of the Senate three times, each time from a separate State, representing in turn Illinois, Minnesota, and Missouri. He saw service as a member of the house of representatives in the Illinois legislature, and was a justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois. He served one term as Commissioner of the United States General Land Office. His grave is unmarked, but the State of Illinois authorized the placing of a statue of Gen. Shields in Statuary Hall at the Capitol as one of the representatives there of Illinois.

Gen. Shields also enjoyed the notoriety of having once challenged Abraham Lincoln to a duel, which Lincoln accepted, choosing broadsword, but after the principals repaired to an island in the Mississippi River, which was to be the scene of the encounter, the trouble was adjusted without bloodshed.

The Senate also passed a bill authorizing a statue of Maj. Gen. John Stark, of Revolutionary fame, which will be erected at Manchester, N. H.

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Toiling on, as best they can, on their little stage, treating fairly every man, earning all their wage, salting down some honest bones, for the day of rain—what to them are all the groans, why should they complain? There's a cure for all the ills which too long endure; laws are merely nostrum pills—Work's the safest cure.

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UPHOLDS THE ORGANIC LAW.

Gallinger Says It Should Not Be Voted Over Playgrounds.

Insisting upon its amendment to the District appropriation bill providing \$17,000 for the playgrounds on the half-and-half basis, to be used for supervision, maintenance, and equipment, the Senate yesterday, on motion of Senator Gallinger, recommended the bill to its conferees, and it is expected that the tangle which has arisen over the fight in the House on the playgrounds item will eventually be adjusted satisfactorily. The Senate conferees are Senator Gallinger, Senator Elkins, and Senator Foster.

Senator Gallinger objected to the violation of the principle contained in the House plan to grant the money to the playgrounds provided the appropriation was taken entirely from the District revenues.

"Under our organic law," Senator Gallinger said, "an equal division of this money should come from the Treasury and from the District. During my long service in the Senate there has been no violation of this principle."

The House conferees, Messrs. Gardner, Burleson, and Taylor, rejoined by the Speaker after the row in the House on Tuesday over the elimination of the \$17,000 for the playgrounds, will take the matter up with the Senate conferees in a day or two, and it was believed yesterday that an amicable adjustment as to how the money shall be charged and as to whether it may be used for supervision of the playgrounds, meaning salaries of officials, will probably be arrived at in the near future, in order not to hold up the entire District appropriations because of the disagreement over this one small item.

INDIAN BILL REPORTED.

The Indian appropriation bill was reported to the Senate yesterday. The Senate committee made a net increase in the aggregate of appropriations made by the House of \$1,000,000.

The most important Senate amendment is for the relief of the wandering bands of Pottawatomie Indians in Wisconsin, which makes available for their benefit \$447,339, an amount withheld from their allotments many years ago because they refused to migrate west of the Mississippi River with the main band.

The bill will probably be taken up for consideration to-day.

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